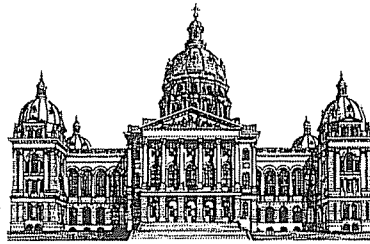


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Governor Terry Branstad
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Branstad,

I write to you today because I know that property tax reform is a top priority of yours and Iowa property owners this year. As a member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, I want you to be reassured that property tax reform is also one of my top priorities this legislative session. Because of this, I would like to invite you to North Iowa to participate in a property tax reform hearing.

I would like to suggest the afternoon of March 16th, following the Valent BioSciences event in Osage. Because of relative close proximity, I would suggest that Charles City serve as a convenient location for such a meeting that hopefully your schedule could accommodate.

I look forward to visiting with your staff as to whether this request could fit into your schedule. I'm sure that the Charles City Community Chamber as well as the Charles City Area Development officials could also help in accommodating this event. I would be willing to visit with them personally, if need be. I would consider it an honor if you would be willing to be my guest at such a meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Merlin Bartz', written over the printed name.

Senator Merlin Bartz